struction of building. DDA (Slum Wing) has been approached for getting eviction of encroachment. Construction of building will take three years after eviction.

(II) Calcutta Central Telegraph Office: Not applicable.

Pension to Extra Departmental Employees

4042. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering any proposal to grant pension to the Extra Departmental employees as is being given to the agricultural workers, old aged and other weaker sections in the different States like Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the orders in force at present, pension is payable only to regular full time Government employees subject to the fulfilment of the conditions laid down by the Central Government in this regard from time to time. The Extra Departmental Agents, being part time employees, are not eligible for payment of pension under the existing rules of the Government.

Pazhassi Irrigation Project

4043. SHRI M. RAMANNA RAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the present position of the Pazhassi
Irrigation Project in Kerala;

(b) the original estimated cost and the irrigation potential of the project; and

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon so far and the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c). The details of Pazhassi Irrigation Project of Kerala are given in the attached statement.

STATEMENT

Pazhassi Irrigation Project in Kerala envisaging construction of a barrage across river Valapattanam was given clearance by the Planning Commission in 1964 for an estimated cost of Rs. 4.42 crores to irrigated 32,400 hectares annually with Culturable Command Area of 22,256 hectares. The first revised estimate for Rs. 14.82 crores and second revised estimate for Rs. 42 crores envisaging no change in scope of the project were also accepted by the Planning Commission in 1975 and 1981 respectively. According to the latest information received from the State Government in June, 1991, the Culturable Command Area and irrigation potential of the project stands revised as 11,530 and 23,050 hectares respectively. The potential created and utilized upto end of 7th Plan has been reported to be 11,460 hectares.

Latest estimated cost of the project as indicated by the State Government in the Annual Plan document is Rs. 81.12 crores. An expenditure of Rs. 71.12 crores has been incurred upto March, 1990 and anticipated expenditure for 1990-91 is Rs. 2 crores. Outlay recommended for 1991-92 by the State Government is Rs. 3.40 crores. The State Government has programmed to complete the Project in 1992-93.

Police of Commissioner system in Delhi

4044. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be bleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to scrap the Police Commissioner system in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any complaint has been received against the functioning of the Police Commissioner system in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) No

such proposal is under consideration at present.

(c) and (d) A letter was received from a former Member of Parliament in July, 1991 that the Police Commissioner system in Delhi should be abolished as with its introduction there had been an increase in crime. The letter also stated that the Police Commissioner system conferred unlimited powers on the police which had resulted in corruption.

[Translation]

Life Span of Big Reservoirs

4045 SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minsiter of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the life span of the big reservoirs including the Rihand Dam assessed at the time of their construction, reservoir-wise;

(b) whether the life span of those reservoirs has decreased considerably due to the deposit of excessive silt therein

(e)

(c) if so, the reasons for the depoit of excessive silt in the said reservoirs; and

(d) the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) The major reservoirs in the country have been planned for a life of 100 years. Silting of reservoirs is a natural phenomenon and provisions are made in the capactity of the reservoir for accommodating the silt. In respect of Rihand Dam unexpectedly high loss in the storage due to siltation has not been reported. In other dams also, where siltation has been reported, generally the loss in storage due to siltation has not been unduly high. The life expectancy of some of the major reservoirs in the country has been assessed as follows:—

Name of Dam/Reservoir	Estimated life of Reservoirs	% of capacity lost	
		Live Storage	Period
1. Maithon (Bihar)	246 Years	14.0	24 Years(1955—79)
2. Pong (Himachal Pradesh)	100 years	3.35	12 years(1974—86)
3. Tungabhadra (Karnataka)	200-300 Years	14.84	32 Years(1953—85)
4. Gandhi Sagar (Madhya Pradesh)	100 Years	2.3	16 Years(1960—76)
5. Girna (Maharashtra)	100 Years	7.2	14 Years(1965—79)
6. Hirakud (Orissa)	400 Years	14.5	27 Years(1957—84)
7. Bhakra (Punjab)	100 Years	5.78	29 Years(1957—87)

(c) and (d) The rate of siltation depends upon the factors like storage capacity of the reservoir in proportion to the annual-flow of water, physiographical features, climate and the land use pattern in reservoirs catchment areas. Afforestation works, water- shed management projects and soil conservation measures in the catchment areas are taken up by the State Government to reduce the silt flow.

[English]

Misuse of Dish Antennas

4046. SHRI GANGADHARA SANIPALLI:
SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the dish antennas for reviewing of foreign programmes are being misused; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government have taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The operating licences to establish, maintain or work the dish